Koyra Chiini language

Koyra Chiini ([kojra tʃiːni], figuratively "town language"), or **Western Songhay**, is a member of the Songhay languages spoken in Mali by about 200,000 people (in 1999) along the Niger River in Timbuktu and upriver from it in the towns of Diré, Tonka, Goundam and Niafunké as well as in the Saharan town of Araouane to its north. In this area, Koyra Chiini is the dominant language and the *lingua franca*, although minorities speaking Hassaniya Arabic, Tamasheq and Fulfulde are found. **Djenné Chiini** [dʒɛnːɛ tʃiːni], the dialect spoken in Djenné, is mutually comprehensible, but has noticeable differences, in particular two extra vowels (/ɛ/ and /ɔ/) and syntactic differences related to focalisation.

East of Timbuktu, Koyra Chiini gives way relatively abruptly to another Songhay language, Koyraboro Senni.

Unlike most Songhai languages, Koyra Chiini has no phonemic tones and has subject—verb—object word order rather than subject—object—verb. It has changed the original Songhay *z* to *j*.^[4]

Phonology

Vowels

	Front	Central	Back
Close	į		<u>u</u>
Mid	<u>e</u>		<u>o</u>
Open		<u>a</u>	

All vowels have lengthened counterparts.^[4].

Koyra Chiini							
Native to	Mali						
Region	Niger River						
Native speakers	200,000 (1999)[1]						
Language	Nilo-Saharan?						
family	SonghaySouthern						
	Koyra Chiini						
Dialects	Djenné Chiini						
Languaç	ge codes						
ISO 639-3	khq						
Glottolog	koyr1240 (htt						
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Northwest Songhay:							
Korandje							
Koyra Chiini							
Tadaksahak							
Tasawaq							
Tagdal							
Eastern Songhay:							
Tondi Songway Kiini							
Humburi Senni							

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Consonants

		Labial	Alveolar	Postalveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Stop	voiceless	(p)	t			k	(?)
	voiced	b	d			g	
Affricate	voiceless			tĴ			
	voiced			d͡з			
Fricative	voiceless	f	s	(ʃ)		(x)	h
	voiced		(z)	(3)			
Nasal		m	n		'n	ŋ	
Approximant			I		j	W	
Flap			٢				

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